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MIDDLE PENINSULA-NORTHERN NECK
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2006

Chairman, Frank Jewell, called the regular meeting of the Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Local Human Rights Committee to order at 1:05 PM on October 23, 2006, at Bridges of RGH located in Kilmarnock, Virginia. Board members in attendance were Frank Jewell, Barbara Vest, Judith Link, Bill Reisner and Carl Gerster. Agency representatives included Joanne Brown and Lynn McCrobie - MP-NN CSB, Patrizia and Warren Nesbitt - Sola, Inc., Betty Self - Bridges of RGH/Bridges Inpatient Unit, Mary Hayden and Kristie McDowell - Heart Havens, Clyde and Mary Forrest -The Brambles, Jim Allison-Arc of Peninsula - Puller Center. Jeany Murphy-Caring Family Home was absent. Willie Barnes, Human Rights Advocate was also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made that the minutes be approved with the correction made under program report for MPNN CSB to read as follows: The MR Division had 4 peer to peer abuse complaints that were determined unfounded, as staff followed proper policy and procedures. Vote was unanimous.

Program Presentation

Betty Selph welcomed the committee to Bridges of RGH and invited everyone to refreshments provided. She gave an informative presentation about the services provided by Bridges of RGH both Inpatient and Outpatient.

Event Report Statistics

Reports from each provider on events occurring during the period of July1, 2006 through Sept. 30, 2006 were given as follows:

Bridges of RGH-Structured Outpatient Program – Betty Selph reported no events. No change to program and no restraint or seclusion.

Bridges of RGH Inpatient Unit – Betty Selph reported no events. No change to program and no restraint or seclusion

Heart Havens – Mary Hayden reported no events. No change to program and no restraint or seclusion.

Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck CSB – Lynn McCrobie reported the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division had no events this quarter. There was an addition of Adolescents to MPNN CSB's existing license for Mental Health Support Services. There was no restraint or seclusion. The MR Division had 3 peer to peer abuse complaints that were determined unfounded, as staff followed proper policy and procedures. No change to program and no incidents of restraint this quarter.

Sola, Inc. – Patrizia Nesbitt reported no events. No change to program and no restraint or seclusion.

The Brambles – Clyde Forrest reported no events but changed the report to 1. No change to program and no restraint or seclusion.

Caring Family Home – No report given.

New business

Joanne Brown discussed the MPNN CSB adding adolescents (13 to 18 years old) to the existing license for Mental Health Support Services.

Frank Jewell stated his concern about the length of time before he is informed about an extension granted by the Human Rights Advocate on an investigation and being informed when the extension ended. After much discussion, Ms. Barnes stated that the Extension Notification Letter to the LHRC Chairperson would have the date the extension ended.

It was reported to the committee that all the LHRC program affiliate's currently use a Satisfaction Survey that is sent to the State for review and an annual report is then sent to the program. A copy of the survey currently used will be brought to the January 2007 meeting for committee review. The results of the survey will come at a later date.

The topic of the LHRC members visiting the programs was discussed at length. The affiliate programs had no objection as long as the rights and confidentiality of the individuals in the programs were not violated.

Old Business

Due to time constraint, the review of the recommended By-Law changes and review of the Program Affiliate Agreement was tabled until the January 2007 meeting.

Training

None at this meeting

Announcement/Updates

The Human Rights Regulations will be open for Public Comment at the State Human Rights Meeting in Virginia Beach on October 24, 2006. The draft of the Human Right Regulations is also on the Department website.

Executive Session

On motion of Barbara Vest, seconded by Carl Gerster, the LHRC voted to go into executive session per VA Code Section 2.2-3711A(4) for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business namely to hear patient related information involving a complaint allegation.

Upon returning to public session each member of the committee certified that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such matters for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business were heard and discussed or considered.

In open session the Advocate stated that The Brambles will report on the open complaint during the 3rd quarter that was not discussed in closed session at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held Monday, January 22, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at Discovery Place, Warner, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Platt, Administrative Support to the Committee